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**INFORMATIONAL LETTER**

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**DIVISION: Family & Children Services**

**TO: Commissioners of Social Services**

**DATE: September 14, 1989**

**SUBJECT: "With Loving Arms" Video**

**SUGGESTED DISTRIBUTION:** Voluntary Child Care Agency Executive Directors  
 Staff Development Coordinators

**CONTACT PERSON:** Regional Office Directors

**ATTACHMENTS:** "With Loving Arms" Video and Attached Study Guide

**FILING REFERENCES**

Previous ADMs/INFs	Releases Cancelled	Dept. Regs.	Soc. Serv. Law & Other Legal Ref.	Manual Ref.	Misc. Ref.
None					

**NO ATTACHMENTS**

We are happy to forward to you the enclosed video entitled "With Loving Arms" for use by your agency. "With Loving Arms" is an 18-minutes video produced by State of the Art., Inc. for the New York State Department of Social Services and the Child Welfare League of America. This documentary will be used nationwide to promote the recruitment of foster homes for children who suffer from HIV disease and to educate the public on pediatric HIV disease.

The message of "With Loving Arms" is that nurturing and loving foster parents are needed for children with HIV infection and that this need touches every community. Although hospitals and other institutions provide excellent medical care for HIV positive children, experience demonstrates that children do best in warm loving homes.

The other principle message is that foster parents, and others who come in contact with the child, are at no risk of contracting HIV disease from the child. No parent or child has ever contracted AIDS from casual contact of daily living with an HIV positive individual.

This program, which takes an intimate and unhurried look at three foster parent situations, underscores the caring, the rewards, and the realistic day-to-day activities involved in foster parenting for children with HIV infection.

The enclosed study guide will assist in possible discussion topics following the video and help the presenters with questions that may arise.

We hope that this video will assist you and your staff in working with HIV disease. If you would like additional copies, they are available for \$34.95 plus \$3.00 shipping charge from:

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